THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Inquiry reports by Commission of Railway Safety

2166. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure of discharging inquiry reports submitted by the Commission of Railway Safety;

(b) how many inquiry reports have been submitted by the Commission during the last one year about railway accidents;

(c) what are the reasons of the railways accidents as per those inquiry reports; and

(d) what action has been taken by the Railways, so far, to address those reasons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Commissioners of Railway Safety submit two reports of each enquiry into railway accidents. Preliminary Report indicates provisional findings and immediate recommendations. Final Report, containing cause of the accident, responsibility therefor and recommendations is submitted to Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety and copies thereof are forwarded to Railway Board and railway administration of zonal Railways and other Commissioners of Railway Safety. Railway administration of the concerned Railway initiates action on the report and submits his comments to the Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety. Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety submits remarks on the Final Report to the Ministry of Railways after scrutinizing the comments of concerned railway administration. Ministry of Railways takes a final view on the report and comments of the Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety thereon and directs zonal railways administrations to implement accepted recommendations.

(b) and (c) During the last one year from 1.4.04 to 31.3.05, total 19 inquiry reports have been submitted by the Commission. As per these inquiry reports, 10 accidents were caused due to failure of Railway

staff, 6 were caused due to the failure of other then Railway staff and 3 accidents were due to equipment failure and incidental.

(d) Safety is the prime concern of Indian Railways and adoption of new measures to improve safety is a continuous process. Measures being taken by Indian Railways to minimize incidence of accidents include adoption of suitable modern technology for interlocking and signaling system, upgradation of standards of track and rolling stock, modernization of maintenance practices, replacement of over aged assets, upgradation of training aids like simulators, checks on observance of safety precautions and provision of Anti Collision Device. Moreover, disciplinary action is taken against those Railway official who are held responsible for the accident.

Doubling of Ernakulam-Kottayam-Kayamkulam sector

2167. PROF. P.J. KURIAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the doubling of Ernakulam-Kottayam-Kayamkulam sector in Kerala has been taken up this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the expected time of completion of the above work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) On Ernakulam-Kottayam-Kayamkulam route, patch doubling of Ernakulam-Mulanturutti, Kayamkulam-Mavelikara, Mavelikara-Chengannur sections have been taken up where works are in various stages of progress. Patch doubling of Mulanturutti-Kuruppantara section has been included in the supplementary budget 2005-06.

No target date for completion of these works has been fixed.

Railway line from Secunderabad to Kareemnagar

2168. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would release budget for the project of laying a railway line from Secunderabad to Kareemnagar *via* Siddipet in view